SEPARATE SHEET WITH MARKED-UP VERSION OF CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATION PER 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii)

The paragraph starting at page 1, line 28 has been amended as follows:

In addition, the data to be sent out from all the terminal units are [enoumous] enormous in quantity. Accordingly, sales data and other data are not frequently sent out as real-time data from each terminal unit to the host unit. Instead, a so-called batch process is executed, in which the data is collectively sent out at night or the like. This means that it is impossible to provide fast coping with a trouble or the like in the circumstances of real-time processing during the duty service time of the terminal unit.

The paragraph starting at page 2, line 14 has been amended as follows:

Another object of the present invention is to provide a POS system capable of coping with any trouble at [the head quarter] headquarters, and reducing the speed and expenditures of coping with the trouble.

The paragraph starting at page 2, line 18 has been amended as follows:

A further object of the present invention is to provide a POS system simplified in construction, [capable] able to reduce machine costs and improve reliability.

The paragraph starting at page 2, line 22 has been amended as follows:

A still further object of the present invention is to provide a POS system, which, with data present in a [head quarter] headquarters server, does not only permit readily backing up data, but also permits real-time data processing.

The paragraph starting at page 3, line 3 has been amended as follows:

Yet [A yet] another object of the present invention is to provide a POS system, which does not require development of any software for data transfer with [the head quarter] headquarters and software for master-related data production, thus permitting reduction of software-related cost.

The paragraph starting at page 7, line 18 has been amended as follows:

In this embodiment, the terminal unit side is provided with only the terminal function in the intrinsic sense, i.e., input/output means such as a keyboard, a touch panel and as voice input means, display means for displaying image and printing means for printing the image. The terminal unit construction is thus simplified, and it is possible to reduce the machine cost and improve the reliability. Other potential sources of high cost, i.e., system program executing means and control software, are

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provided on only the host unit side. Thus, POS system
execution program version updates are necessary only on the
host unit side, and version updates of each POS terminal
unit installed in each shop as in the prior art is
unnecessary. The system management thus can be greatly
simplified, and it is possible to obtain pronounced
corresponding cost reduction. Thus, any trouble can be
addressed by [the head quarter] headquarters on the host
unit side, ready line management is permitted, and system
reliability is provided.

The paragraph starting at page 11, line 13 has been amended
as follows:

(2) Any trouble can be addressed by [the head
quarter] headquarters, and it is possible to reduce the
speed and expenditures of coping with the trouble.

The paragraph starting at page 11, line 19 has been amended
as follows:

(4) Since data is on the [head quarter]
headquarters server, not only data can be readily backed
up, but also the data processing can be executed as
real-time processing.

The paragraph starting at page 11, line 26 has been amended
as follows:

(6) It is unnecessary to develop any software for
data transfer with respect to [the head quarter]
headquarters server and software for master-related

updating data production, and it is thus possible to reduce software-related cost.